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Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the *Board of Trade Journal* can be purchased through any booksellers, agents, or direct from H.M. Stationery Office. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

Priority Supplies of Bedding and Floor-Coverings

As from 22nd June the utility furniture scheme will cover the issue of Priority Dockets for bedding (blankets, sheets and mattresses) and floor-coverings (substitute linoleum and felt base). The issue of priority dockets for floor-coverings replaces the present arrangements whereby retailers are giving priority to holders of utility furniture permits.

People Eligible for Dockets. The priority classes eligible for utility furniture remain unchanged and comprise: (*a*) people whose homes have been bombed; (*b*) people setting up house because they have young children; (*c*) people setting up house because they are expecting a child; (*d*) couples married on or after 1st September 1939; (*e*) couples who propose to marry within three months; and (*f*) people who need a bed for a growing child.

All these may now apply for dockets, but people in classes (*b*) to (*e*) will normally receive dockets only if they are now setting up house for the first time, and, if they want bedding, only where they have no bedding or less than a certain amount. The bombed out may apply if their bedding and floor coverings have been destroyed even if they have not lost furniture, and families who need another bed for a growing child may apply for bedding for the extra bed. When they are eligible these people will receive Board of Trade priority dockets which are printed on pink paper bearing the Board of Trade crest and a distinctive priority docket monogram and heading. Each docket guarantees supply of the article named on it.

What to do with the Docket. Like other priority dockets these dockets have no coupon value; they are not coupon-equivalents and cannot be paid into a trader's banking account. Retailers should make sure that the customer has inserted his name and address in the space provided on the reverse of the docket. Traders are not required to endorse the dockets in any way but have merely to pass them back to their usual suppliers with their orders.

Supply of Goods against Dockets. Each docket is valid only for the one article named on it. That is: one utility sheet (the term "utility sheet" includes all types of utility cotton and waste sheets, flannelette sheets, and cotton blankets) or one national price-controlled blanket, or one utility mattress. Dockets for floor covering are valid for up to 20 square yards of either substitute linoleum or felt base.

If a retailer to whom dockets are brought has any of the specified articles in stock he should supply these to the holder of the dockets and pass the dockets back to his normal suppliers to obtain replacements. Retailers of bedding who have no stocks should forward the order to their suppliers with the dockets so as to secure priority in obtaining supplies for the customer. Manufacturers will, as far as possible, supply against dockets without delay. Although the sheet and blanket dockets are valid for either single or double bed size, replacement in the exact proportions of each size desired by the retailer cannot be guaranteed.

Owing to the difficulty of transporting substitute linoleum and felt base, the manufacturers cannot undertake to send small and frequent consignments. Retailers should, therefore, supply against dockets from stock and send the dockets to their usual supplier with the next order to get replacements.

As it may be a week or two after the start of the scheme before customers are ready to use their priority dockets, retailers may wish to hold back supplies for them. Supplies of mattresses and sheets, however, need not be held back by retailers since manufacturers have already been asked to build up a reserve for supply against dockets. General Licence (No. 3) (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 627, price 1d.) issued under the Price Control (Regulation of Disposal of Stocks) Act, 1943, allows traders to reserve stocks of national price controlled blankets, utility sheets and mattresses, substitute linoleum and felt base, for priority docket holders should they consider it advisable to do so.

Supplies for People outside the Docket Scheme. Only about one-quarter of the total supplies of bedding and about half the supplies of substitute linoleum and felt base will be required to meet priority dockets. The remaining supplies will reach retailers in the normal way for sale to the general public.

Explanatory Leaflet for Traders. Copies of the traders' leaflet U.F.D./8, which has been brought up to date and now includes not only detailed information on the handling of orders for utility furniture, but also sections on bedding, floor-coverings and coupon-free supplies of curtain material, may be obtained, price 1d., through any bookseller or newsagent or direct from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

The Linoleum and Floorcloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made the Linoleum and Floorcloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 689, price 1d.), which comes into operation on 30th June 1944, and amends the Linoleum and Floorcloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 5th February 1944, page 44). The new Order amends the method of calculating the maximum laying charge and increases the maximum prices of three qualities of substitute linoleum included in the Second Schedule.

The maximum charge to be made in the course of the business of a retailer for laying linoleum and floorcloth in a private house shall now be the aggregate of the following sums: (i) the actual cost of labour (including travelling time) employed in laying such goods, and (ii) travelling expenses necessarily and properly incurred, and (iii) an amount equivalent to 10 per cent. calculated on the aggregate of the sums referred to in (i) and (ii) above, and (iv) the actual cost of adhesive (in any case in which it is necessary and proper that adhesive should be used for laying the goods).

The amendments in the Second Schedule are in column 2 (*a*) for the figures 2s. 6d. there shall be substituted the figures 2s. 10d.; (*b*) for the figures 1s. 11d. there shall be substituted the figures 2s. 4d., and (*c*) for the figures 2s. 9d. there shall be substituted the figures 2s. 10d.; and in column 3: (*a*) for the figures 3s. 5d. there shall be substituted the figures 3s. 10d.; (*b*) for the figures 2s. 7d. there shall be substituted the figures 3s. 2d., and (*c*) for the figures 3s. 9d. there shall be substituted the figures 3s. 10d.

Polishes

The Limitation of Supplies (Polishes) (No. 5) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 677, price 1d.) continues for a further period of six months, from 1st July to 31st December 1944, the existing control on the supply of polishes containing wax, at present maintained by the Limitation of Supplies (Polishes) (No. 4) Order, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 1st January 1944,

page 2). The definition of permitted polishes is unchanged, and the quotas remain at 50 per cent. for ancillary and domestic polishes respectively. The prohibition on the supply of all other types of polishes is maintained. The standard period is 1st June to 30th November 1939, as before.

Retail Sales of Downpointed Utility Overall Cloths

The Board of Trade wish to remind traders that the provision allowing certain utility overall cloths to be sold at two-fifths of the normal coupon rate only applies to sales *between traders*. When these cloths are sold to retail customers the full number of coupons normally required for Group II materials must be surrendered.

The utility cloths in question are those with one of the following specification numbers: 311, 3110 to 3119, and 3410 to 3412 (including the same four-figure numbers when followed by a stroke and another digit). The provision for their supply at two-fifths coupon rates between traders is set out in Article 54 (1) (i) of the Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 21st August 1943, page 309).

Rubber Boots for Merchant Seamen and Deep-Sea Fishermen

In order to enable merchant seamen and deep-sea fishermen to obtain rubber boots from retailers without any delay, the Board of Trade announce that they will permit retail stocks of rubber boots to be held in the ports. Retailers in ports who are accustomed to supply seamen and who wish to be allowed to hold stocks, should apply without delay to the Board of Trade, North Gate, Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8, stating (1) the name and address of their normal supplier of rubber boots, (2) the size of the working stock they need to hold, and (3) their turnover in rubber boots (number of pairs) during the past year.

Stocks may be acquired only on condition that the boots are sold solely on production of the following evidence of the customer's occupation, and a Direction to this effect will be served on the retailers concerned: (*a*) *Merchant Navy*, M.N. clothing coupons; (*b*) *Deep-sea Fishermen*, S.C.7a clothing sheet. A buying permit and coupons or coupon equivalent document must, of course, be surrendered by the customer.

Retailers should limit their stock requirements to the minimum necessary for immediate supply to the Merchant Navy and Deep Sea Fishermen, since it is not in the national interest for them to hold stocks in excess of this demand.

Approval of Permitted Prices by the Central Price Regulation Committee

Wiglet sole and heel protectors manufactured by F. G. Wigley & Co. Ltd., Mill Lane, Cardiff.—Maximum retail selling price: men's, 2s. 10½d. each outfit; boys', girls' and women's, 2s. 2d. each outfit; children's, 1s. 10½d. each outfit.

Boot and Shoe (Sole Protectors) manufactured by B. Prince & Co. Ltd., Fairfield, Hawthorn, Pontypridd, Glamorgan.—Maximum retail selling price, 8d. each outfit.

Quickfor leather sole protectors manufactured by Quickfor Ltd., 33 Seymour Road, Mile End, Stockport.—Maximum retail selling price, 8d. each outfit.

Fuel and Power Appointment

The Minister of Fuel and Power has appointed Mr. Harold Hobson, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E., the present General Manager of the Central Electricity Board, to be Chairman of the Board in the place of Sir Archibald Page, M.Inst., C.E., M.I.E.E., who has resigned for health reasons as from 31st July 1944.

Mr. Harold Hobson is 53 years old and is the son of the late Mr. J. A. Hobson, the eminent economist. Throughout his life, Mr. Hobson has been associated with the Electricity Supply Industry. He obtained considerable experience on engineering and commercial aspects of electricity supply with Messrs. Merz & McLellan, Consulting Engineers, and was for three years Joint Manager of the County of London Electric Supply Company. In 1928 he joined the staff of the Central Electricity Board as Commercial Manager and for the past nine years has been General Manager.

The Central Electricity Board announce that, consequent upon the appointment of Mr. Hobson as Chairman, they have appointed Sir Johnstone Wright, Chief Engineer, to succeed him as General Manager. Mr. J. Hacking, Deputy Chief Engineer, has been promoted to be Chief Engineer.

Trading with the Enemy

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) *Shipowners on the Statutory List*

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution :—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Crespi (ex Jose Trujillo)	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje (may also be found bearing the name Nicolleff flying the German flag)	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	316	Ditto
Rigel (ex Tercio Montejurra) ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Linette	Ditto	398	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
San Rafael Archangel	Spain	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, La-Palmas
Maria del Pilar G. ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercia e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Maria 3°	Ditto	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4°... ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Jose Leon Carranza
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla)... ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Sevim	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural
Atlantides	Sweden	9,650	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto
Miguel Caldenty ...	Spain	74	Juan Mora A. Bou
Nuevo Corazon ...	Ditto	122	Ditto
San Cayetano ...	Argentina	400	"Cardimex" Comp. Argentin, de Importacion y Exportacion S.A.
Nuestra Senora de la Almudena... ...	Spain	41	Otto Gerdtzen
Manen	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Skansen	Sweden	744	Enhorning Kemiskt-Tekniskt A/B
Solbris	Ditto	466	Rederi A/B Bellatrix
Nordanbris (ex Pollux)	Ditto	8,971	Ditto
Ostbris	Ditto	978	Ditto
Sunnanbris	Ditto	8,721	Rederi A/B Erious
Westbris	Ditto	972	Ditto
His Africa	Spain	85	Salah Ben Hamza
Antares	Ditto	—	Cia Comercia Maritimal de Transportes S.A.
Polar	Ditto	—	Ditto
Chiqui	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Antonio Diaz ...	Ditto	36	Jose Maria Delgado
Faro de Buda ...	Ditto	226	Atlantida Astilleros and Construcciones S.A.
Faro de Salou ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Oropesa ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Canet ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Carmen Frexias ...	Ditto	349	Agencia Frexias
Coname 1°	Ditto	489	Comp. Naviera del Mediterraneo S.A.
Condecorado ...	Ditto	567	Hijos de M. Condeminas
Condestable	Ditto	516	Ditto
San Daniel	Ditto	190	Cristina Svardiaz
Sancho Panza ...	Ditto	197	Ditto
Santa Ana	Ditto	322	Maries y Serra en C.
Carmelita	Ditto	117	Jeronimo Yipland (effective owner)
Norte	Ditto	26	Jesus Franquesa (nom. owner)
Arabert	Sweden	2340	Rederi A/B Solstad
Arasvall	Ditto	2900	Ditto
Pollux	Spain	399	Cia Commercial Maritime de Transportes S.A.
Castor	Ditto	399	Ditto

Agency to Distribute Indian Gluestock Purchased by the Ministry of Supply

It is announced by the Ministry of Supply, Sundry Materials Branch, that all persons or firms who imported in the ordinary course of their business Indian Gluestock, excluding bones but including bone sinews, from origin and actually took up and paid against documents and despatched to the ultimate consumers or other distributors for the manufacture of glue an aggregate minimum quantity of 500 tons during the five years 1939/43 inclusive, are invited to apply for membership of the above Agency to Messrs. Kidsons, Taylor & Co., 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, not later than 15th July 1944, giving certified particulars of the quantities they so imported and distributed during the period specified.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuation of the list given in *Board of Trade Journal*, 10th June 1944 (page 217) the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1944 :—

No. 626. Order, dated 31st May 1944, amending the Soft Fruit (Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 650. The Carrots (General Provisions) Order, 1944, dated 2nd June 1944 (price 2d.).

No. 651. Order, dated 2nd June 1944, amending the New Potatoes (1944 Crop) Order, 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 653. The Carrots (1944 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1944, dated 3rd June, 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 660. The Cereal Fillers (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944, dated 5th June 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 665. Order, dated 7th June 1944, amending the Cherries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 666. Order, dated 7th June 1944, amending the Green Onions (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943 (price 1d.).

No. 669. Order, dated 9th June 1944, amending the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1943, and the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1942 (price 1d.).

No. 672. The Edible Oils and Fats (Control of Sales) Order, 1944, dated 10th June 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 673. Directions dated 12th June 1944, supplementary to the Milk (Control of Supplies) Order, 1942, and the Milk (Control of Supplies) (Scotland) Order, 1942 (price 1d.).

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 17th June 1944 were wheat, 16s. 3d.; barley, 26s. 10d.; and oats, 16s. 2d.

Industrial Pest Control Association

At the Annual General Meeting of the Industrial Pest Control Association, held on 31st May 1944, the following Officers and Executive Committee were elected for the year 1944–1945: *President:* Dr. E. Holmes (Plant Protection Ltd.); *Vice-President:* Mr. A. F. McIntosh (Thomas Harley Ltd.); *Honorary Treasurer:* Mr. S. F. Sprange (London Fumigation Co. Ltd.). *Executive Committee:* Mr. F. H. Braybrook (Technical Products Ltd.); Mr. C. S. Kregor (W. Edmonds & Co. Ltd.); Mr. E. McLaren (Haller Laboratories Ltd.); Mr. T. Napier (Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.); Mr. J. E. R. Simons (Geo. Monro Ltd.); Mr. J. B. Wilton (Fumigation Services Ltd.).

Secretarial services for the Association are now provided by the A.B.C.M., 166 Piccadilly, London, W.1, and Mr. A. J. Holden, B.Sc., F.I.C., and Mr. W. A. Williams, B.Sc., of the permanent staff of the latter will undertake the secretarial duties.

British Standards Institution

UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The British Standards Institution announces that it has been decided, as a temporary measure, to establish a United Nations Standards Co-ordinating Committee to provide a centre for the immediate co-ordination of standards in the field of communications of all kinds, both transport and telecommunication, and the development of standards for use in connection with the transfer across borders of raw materials and partly or wholly finished articles. These standards will provide agreed methods of expressing and toasting the properties of materials, appliances, symbols, terms and definitions, and will include dimensional standardisation to secure interchangeability where the replacement of parts is an important consideration.

The United Nations Standards Co-ordinating Committee will maintain offices in London and New York, with the object of promoting the maximum possible co-ordination and unification of standards necessary for the war effort and the immediate post-war period. The promulgation of the standards will be the responsibility of the National Standards Organisations. Membership of the Committee will consist of representatives of the National Standards bodies organised in any of the United Nations. Approval of the scheme has already been received from the Standards bodies of Australia, Canada, South Africa and the United States, and the London Office has been opened at 19-21 Palace Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Mr. C. le Maistro, C.B.E., who has been General Secretary of the International Electrotechnical Commission since its formation in 1906, having retired from the British Standards Institution, has agreed to place his unique international experience at the disposal of this United Nations Standards Co-ordinating Committee, and will have charge of the London Office.

British Standard Specification

MEMORANDUM ON ADDITION TO SPECIFICATION 5.W.2 FOR FLEXIBLE ROPES

The scope of Specification 5.W.2 for Flexible Steel Wire Ropes for aircraft purposes has recently been extended by the standardisation of a flexible cable with a breaking load of 2 cwt. This cable has been included as Item No. 60, and the details of its construction and size are given in an amendment slip to the specification which has been issued with the reference No. P.D. 247.

Copies of this amendment slip are obtainable on application to the Publications Department of the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Postal Notice

ADDRESS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES IN THE FAR EAST

The Postmaster-General makes the following announcement regarding the method of addressing letters for Prisoners of War and Civilian internees definitely known to be in Japanese hands but whose camp address is not yet known.

Correspondence for such Prisoners of War in any country in the Far East, including Japan, and for such civilian internees in any country in the Far East, except Japan proper, should be addressed

c/o Huryojohokyoku, Tokyo, Japan.

Correspondence for civilian internees in Japan proper whose camp address is not known should be addressed

c/o Keihokyoku Naimusho, Tokyo, Japan.

These addresses have the following meaning:

Huryojohokyoku = Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

Keihokyoku Naimusho = Police Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

In neither case should the address c/o Japanese Red Cross be used in future. This address should be used only if it is not definitely known that the addressee is in Japanese hands.

Correspondence for prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East whose camp address is known should continue, as hitherto, to be addressed directly to the camps.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

Jamaica

CONTROL OF PIECE-GOODS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Piece-Goods Control Order, 1943, dated 26th November 1943, and the Piece-Goods Control (Amendment) Order, 1944, dated 27th January 1944, which replace the Piece-Goods Control Order, 1942.

Copies of these new Orders may be seen by persons interested at the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

TONNAGE TAX

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 20th June 1942, and subsequent amending notices, the Board of Trade have received a copy of a Bill, which, in effect, extends until 31st March 1945 the provisions of the Tonnage Tax Law.

Union of South Africa

BUDGET, 1944

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner in South Africa has forwarded to the Board of Trade a copy of the Budget Resolutions introduced in the House of Assembly on 20th March 1944, which provide for the following amendments of the Union Customs Tariff. Increased duties are effective from 20th March.

Tariff Item	Article	Former Duties			New Duties		
		Minimum Duty	Intermediate Duty	Maximum Duty	Minimum Duty	Intermediate Duty	Maximum Duty
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Ad valorem	Ad valorem	Ad valorem
86 (c).	*Piston rings for motor cycles ... ... each	0 0 0¾	0 0 1	0 0 1¼	15%	20%	25%
90.	Buckets, household and sanitary :—						
	(a) Galvanised ... ... per 100 lb.	0 6 0	0 7 6	0 7 6	20%	25%	25%
	(b) Enamelled ... ... per 100 lb.	0 10 0	0 12 6	0 12 6	20%	25%	25%
113 (7).	Laundry washing machines, domestic :—						
	(a) Wringer type ... ... each	1 7 0	1 7 0	1 16 0	15%	15%	20%
	(b) Spinner type ... ... each	2 5 0	2 5 0	3 0 0	15%	15%	20%
119 (c) (2).	Insulated electric cable and wire :—						
	*(iv) Flexible cord ... ... per 100 lbs.	Free	0 10 0	1 0 0	Free	5%	10%
120 (b).	Aluminium detonator tube :—						
	(i) for delay action detonators ... ... per 100 lb.	4 0 0	4 0 0	5 6 8	15%	15%	20%
	(ii) other ... ... per 100 lb.	2 17 0	2 17 0	3 16 0	15%	15%	20%
129 (k).	Piston rings ... ... each	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1¼	20%	20%	20%
130 (g).	Piston rings ... ... each	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1¼	20%	20%	20%
147 (f).	Tractors—						
	† (ii) of the wheel type, other than those of the mechanical horse type for the haulage of detachable semi-trailors ... ... per 100 lbs.	Free	0 9 6	0 9 6	Free	10%	10%
	† (iii) of the crawler or track-laying type ... ... per 100 lbs.	Free	0 8 0	0 8 0	Free	10%	10%
149 (2).	*Typewriters other than electrically operated and other than Braille :—						
	(a) Portable (including the carrying case)—						
	(i) weighing up to 10 lb. ... ... each	Free	0 7 0	0 14 0	Free	10%	20%
	(ii) weighing over 10 lb. but not exceeding 15½ lb.... ... each	Free	0 12 0	1 4 0	Free	10%	20%
	(iii) weighing over 15½ lb. ... ... each	Free	0 17 6	1 15 0	Free	10%	20%
	(b) Non-portable, new, excluding interchangeable unit machines :—						
	(i) with a writing line not exceeding 10 in. ... ... each	Free	1 12 6	3 5 0	Free	10%	20%
	(ii) with a writing line exceeding 10 in. but not exceeding 17 in. each	Free	1 17 6	3 15 0	Free	10%	20%
	(iii) with a writing line exceeding 17 in. ... ... each	Free	2 10 0	5 0 0	Free	10%	20%
	(c) Non-portable, secondhand, used or rebuilt—						
	(i) with a writing line not exceeding 10 in. ... ... each	Free	0 18 6	1 17 0	Free	10%	20%
	(ii) with a writing line exceeding 10 in. but not exceeding 17 in. each	Free	1 1 0	2 2 0	Free	10%	20%
	(iii) with a writing line exceeding 17 in. ... ... each	Free	1 5 0	2 10 0	Free	10%	20%
	(d) Non-portable, with interchangeable units—						
	(i) frames ... ... each	Free	0 7 6	0 15 0	Free	10%	20%
	(ii) typing units... ... ... each	Free	0 16 0	1 12 0	Free	10%	20%
	(iii) bases (*i.e.*, frames and typing units not detachable) ... each	Free	1 3 6	2 7 0	Free	10%	20%
	(iv) carriages ... ... per inch of writing line	Free	0 1 0	0 2 0	Free	10%	20%
154.	Radio or wireless telegraphy and telephony instruments, apparatus and accessories, other than those imported for merchant ships, or for aircraft or by persons licensed by the Postmaster-General to conduct a public radio service :—						
	(2) (a) Radio receiving sets—						
	*(i) car radios ... ... per valve socket	0 0 9	0 2 3	0 3 0	5%	15%	20%
	*(ii) battery-operated table and console models, not including gramradios ... ... per valve socket	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 4 0	5%	15%	20%
	*(iii) mains-operated console models, not including gramradios per valve socket	0 1 2	0 3 6	0 4 8	5%	15%	20%
	(iv) mains-operated gramradios, with automatic record changers per valve socket	0 5 0	0 7 6	0 10 0	20%	20%	25%
	(v) mains-operated gramradios, other; and battery-operated gramradios per valve socket	0 3 0	0 6 0	0 8 0	20%	20%	25%
	*(vi) other mains-operated models having not more than seven valve sockets ... ... per valve socket	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 4 0	5%	15%	20%
	*(vii) other mains-operated models having more than seven valve sockets per valve socket	0 1 1	0 3 3	0 4 4	5%	15%	20%
	*(b) set-up radio receiving sets, exclusive of cabinets and gramophone units ... ... per valve socket	0 0 9	0 2 3	0 3 0	5%	15%	20%
	(c) Cabinets (other than metal) for radio receiving sets—						
	(i) gramradio type ... ... each	0 10 0	0 15 0	1 0 0	20%	20%	25%
	*(ii) other ... ... each	0 5 0	0 15 0	1 0 0	5%	15%	20%
	(d) (i) Gramradio gramophone unit, *i.e.*, machine, including motor, turntable, pick-up and automatic record-changer ... ... each	0 12 6	0 12 6	0 16 8	20%	20%	25%
	(ii) gramradio gramophone unit, *i.e.*, machine, including motor, turntable and pickup, without automatic record-changer ... each	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 6 8	20%	20%	25%
	*(e) Radio receiving valves imported separately... ... ... each	0 0 3	0 0 6	0 0 9	5%	15%	25%
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	(2) made from bovine and horse hides and skins (except white suede, velour, or velvet finished bovine leathers of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of not less than 1s. and except white horse leather of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of not less than 9d.) of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of—						
	less than 1s. 2d. but not less than 10d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	less than 10d. ... ... per sq. ft.	Free	Free	Free	0 0 3	0 0 3	0 0 3
	(3) made from sheep, lamb, persian or cabretta skins of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 6d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	(4) made from goat and kid skins of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 9d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	(5) made from other leather	Free	Free	Free	20% or 6d. lb. which	20% 6d. lb. ever is the	20% 6d. lb. greater.
254 (c).	Morocco and sheepskin tanned with sumac and grained to imitate morocco of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 6d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
255 (a).	Leather made from horse hides and skins of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 1s. 2d. but not less than 10d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	less than 10d. but not less than 9d. ... ... per sq. ft.	Free	Free	Free	0 0 3	0 0 3	0 0 3
255 (d).	Leather made from sheep or lamb skins of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 6d. but not less than 5d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
255 (h) and (i).	Linings other than splits—						
	made from bovine and horse hides and skins of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 6d. but not less than 4d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	white sheep and white lamb linings of a f.o.b. price of less than 5d. ...	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	made from sheep, lamb, goat, kid, persian and cabretta skins, of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of less than 5d. but not less than 4d.	Free	Free	Free	20%	20%	20%
	other of a f.o.b. price per sq. ft. of not less than 4d.	Free	Free	Free	20% or 6d. lb. which	20% 6d. lb. ever is the	20% 6d. lb. greater.
256 (a).	Sole bellies and shoulders imported separately ... ... ad val.	— 20%	— 20%	— 20%	20% or 6d. lb. which	20% 6d. lb. ever is the	20% 6d. lb. greater.
256 (d) and (e).	Bovine whole hides or skins of a free-on-board price per sq. ft. of less than 10d. but exceeding 8d. measuring not more than 360 sq. ft. per one dozen hides or skins of which no individual hide or skin exceeds 32 sq. ft. in measurement ad val.	20%	20%	20%	3d. sq. ft.	3d. sq. ft.	3d. sq. ft.

* Preference United Kingdom. † Preference United Kingdom and Eire.

Canada

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded a copy of a Memorandum Series D. No. 47, T.C. 163, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which states that by Order in Council P.C. 3904, effective 1st April 1944, the following new Tariff Item is established :—

588c. Bituminous coal which enters into the cost of manufacture of synthetic rubber, when imported for use exclusively in the production of synthetic rubber.

British Preferential Tariff—Free, Intermediate Tariff—Free. General Tariff—Free.

Canada

REGULATIONS UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an Order in Council P.C. 3721 of 18th May 1944, which amends the Regulations under the Food and Drugs Act by prescribing standards of quality and potency and specifying labelling requirements in respect of sex hormones, as follows :—

Definition—

1. For the purpose of these regulations the term "*sex hormone*" shall include all products synthetic or natural purporting to have œstrogenic, androgenic, gonedotrophic and progestational properties.

Standards—

2. Standard preparations for sex hormone products shall be those kept in the Laboratory of Hygiene, where portions for comparative testing may be had upon application. International or Canadian Standards shall be used wherever they exist. When neither of these exists the manufacturer shall be required to submit a suitable quantity of his product to be used as a standard for checking the uniformity of that product.

Potency—

3. The units of the sex hormones for the purpose of these regulations shall be International Units, wherever they exist, as estimated by the methods employed in the Laboratory of Hygiene. In the case of products where International or Canadian Standards have not been established and stable standards cannot be furnished by the manufacturer, there shall be attached a label furnishing full details of the unit of potency employed and of the method of assay used.

Labelling—

4. The following shall appear on the labels of unwrapped containers as specified below :

(*a*) Name of manufacturer.

(*b*) Address of manufacturer.

(*c*) The descriptive or proper name of the product distinct from the trade name. In the case of pure synthetic or natural crystalline products, the proper names shall be : œstrone, œstradiol, œstriol, stilbœstriol, androsterone, testosterone, progesterone, and esters and derivatives of these. In the case of mixed or impure products, the proper names shall be : conjugated œstrogenic substance(s), œstrogenic substance(s), androgenic substance(s), progestational substance(s), and esters and derivatives of these. In the case of gonadotrophins the proper name shall be gonadotrophin with a qualifying statement to indicate the source, e.g., chorionic gonadotrophin, gonadotrophin from pregnant mare's serum.

(*d*) Potency of product.

(*e*) Lot number.

(*f*) For gonadotrophins in aqueous solution, the expiration date, which shall not exceed twelve months from the date of assay.

(*g*) Name of solvent or vehicle used in distributing products in liquid form and the name and amount of preservative in these products.

(*h*) Caution label—to be used only on the advice or on the prescription of a physician.

(*i*) Any preparation which consists wholly or in part of sex gland tissue or extracts thereof and not coming within the scope of these regulations shall carry on the label the following cautionary statement : "This preparation contains no known therapeutically active sex hormone."

(*j*) (i) On the outside labels or wrappers of the packaged containers, items (*a*) to (*i*) shall appear ;

(ii) On the labels of inner containers, items (*a*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) shall appear.

Trade and Industry

Argentina

TRADE WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE

According to the Monthly Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce in the Argentine Republic, the Central Bank report provides an interesting analysis of Argentina's trade and financial relations during 1943 with the British Empire as a single unit. It is shown that, while exports to the British Empire countries from Argentina during the years 1937–1939 averaged 33 per cent. of the Republic's total exports, the Empire's participation in that trade in 1943 was 43 per cent. Imports from the Empire in 1943, at a total participation of 28 per cent. compared with the 1937–39 average of 26 per cent.

The 1943 result of Argentina's trade and financial relations with the British Empire was a net balance of payments in Argentina's favour of 389 million pesos, this total comparing with that of 1942 of 207 million pesos.

SHIPPING IN MARCH QUARTER

During the first quarter of 1944, arrivals at Argentine ports numbered 348 vessels with a tonnage of 778,486 as compared with 280 vessels (550,004 tons) in the same period of 1943, states the Argentine Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain. Of the arrivals in 1944, 61 vessels with a tonnage of 278,768 were British ; 134 (145,013 tons), Argentine ; 33 (78,525 tons), Swedish ; 27 (75,580 tons), Spanish ; 24 (57,497 tons), Brazilian ; and 11 (45,588 tons), American.

Brazil

TRADE WITH UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES

Approximate figures, in sterling, of Brazil's trade with the United Kingdom and the United States for the years 1939 to 1943, are given below.

Year	Imports from		Exports to	
	U.K.	U.S.	U.K.	U.S.
	£'000		£'000	
1939 ...	5,453	19,795	6,618	24,942
1940 ...	6,158	33,827	10,224	29,131
1941 ...	3,917	41,565	10,800	50,416
1942 ...	3,483	31,348	16,489	45,970
1943 ...	5,766	39,208	16,875	64,009

From the above figures it will be seen that the total balance in Brazil's favour derived from trade with Great Britain over the five-year period was £36,229,000 and with the United States £48,725,000.

PRINCIPAL EXPORT COMMODITIES IN 1943

The values of the main groups of exports from Brazil for 1943 were as follows, with the comparative figures for 1942 in parenthesis : Foodstuffs, Cr. $4,018,000,000 (3,324,000,000) ; raw materials, Cr. $2,994,000,000 (3,057,000,000) ; manufactures, Cr. $1,718,000,000 (1,119,000,000). Compared with 1941, raw materials showed a decline in value of 8 per cent. and foodstuffs and manufactures increases of 29 per cent. and 365 per cent. respectively. In 1943 foodstuffs accounted for 46 per cent. of the total value of exports (against 58 per cent. for 1939) ; raw materials, 34 per cent. (41 per cent.) and manufactures, 20 per cent. (1 per cent.).

The values of the chief commodities exported in 1943 were as follows, with the comparative figures for 1942, added in parenthesis :—coffee, Cr. $2,803,768,000 (1,965,738,000) ; either piece-goods, Cr. $1,104,200,000 (837,720,000) ; meat and meat products, Cr. $479,344,000 (718,822,000) ; raw cotton, Cr. $413,777,000 (644,382,000) ; cocoa, Cr. $342,368,000 (216,629,000) ; rubber goods, Cr. $224,973,000 (54,466,000) ; and rice, Cr. $192,263,000 (174,329,000).

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given :—

Madras, 27th May. The sowing of paddy and dry crops is proceeding. Crops are fair.

Bihar, 5th June. Crops are fair.

Orissa, 5th June. The sowing of paddy is progressing.

Punjab, 5th June. Crops are unchanged.

Bombay, 10th June. Tillage is continuing.

Bengal, 21st May. Crop prospects are fair. Agricultural operations are progressing.

Central Provinces, 2nd June. The threshing and winnowing of rabi is over. Khariff sowings are in full swing.

Assam, 12th June. Prospects for the outturn of crops are good, except for Aus and Aman paddy at Habiganj.

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WATER POWER IN THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY

Canada's pulp and paper industry in 1942 led all other manufacturing industries in capital investment and in net value of production states a recent Report issued by the Dominion Water and Power Bureau of the Department of Mines and Resources Ottawa. It is a very large employer of labour.

Newsprint made up 76·8 per cent. of the total tonnage of paper manufactured in 1942 and 93·7 per cent. of this was exported. According to the Newsprint Service Bureau, this Canadian production of standard newsprint was more than three times that of the United States and formed 72·1 per cent. of the total North American production for that year.

As a mechanical power installation of approximately 100 h.p. per ton of daily output of newsprint is required the importance of abundant low-cost power is evident. Water power meets this need and approximately 95 per cent. of the power used by the industry is hydraulic or hydro-electric.

The pulp and paper industry provides the greatest individual peace-time market for the power produced by the central electric stations, as it ordinarily purchases more than 50 per cent. of all power sold for industrial purposes. During 1942 notwithstanding the great reduction in the amount of power purchased by the industry for use in electric boilers and the great munitions load, approximately 24 per cent. of all industrial power sold by central stations was purchased for use in pulp and paper mills.

COAL EQUIVALENT OF DEVELOPED WATER POWER

Comparing the water-power development in the Dominion with a corresponding development of fuel power under comparable conditions indicates that each installed hydraulic horsepower if operated continuously throughout the year would effect a saving of about 4,411 tons of coal, i.e., Canada's present hydraulic installation of 10,214,513 h.p. is capable of effecting an annual saving of more than 45 million tons of coal.

In estimating the actual saving of coal to the Dominion in any year it is necessary to exclude the electricity exported from Canada and to differentiate between electricity used for heating and that used for general power purposes. During 1943 Canadian consumption of firm power generated by central electric stations totalled 35,718,763,000 kw.h., about 99 per cent. of which was hydro-electric. In addition, 2,113,848,000 kw.h. of secondary power was used. Adding to these figures a conservative estimate of the power output of non-central station hydro-plants indicates a total coal saving of approximately 26½ million tons. As during 1943 Canadian coal consumption totalled approximately 45½ million tons, and of this nearly 28¾ million tons were imported it is evident that to attain the same industrial output without the use of water power it would have been necessary to more than double our imports of coal with a most undesirable effect on our trade balance and foreign exchange situation.

Statutory Notice

Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 to 1942

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE ACTS

"Licences of Right"

The following Patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on 16th June 1944 :—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject matter
459485	American Can Co.	Tearing strip containers and methods of making the same.
466852	American Can Co.	Preparation of sterile containers or cans and to the filling of such cans with milk and to the closing of the filled cans.
488052	Triggs, W W. (American Can Co.).	Carton or containers for liquids.
519445	American Can Co.	Filling machines.
519446	American Can Co.	Machine for preparing cans or like containers for filling.
523606	American Can Co.	Method of manufacturing tin plate.
527003	American Can Co.	Method of producing container parts from sheet material.
536175	American Can Co.	Can end assembling machine.
544845	de Bruyne N.A.	Laminated structures.
544878	de Bruyne N.A.	Laminated structures.

CANCELLATION OF INDORSEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Indorsement "Licences of Right" upon Letters Patent No. 487189 dated 17th August 1937 and granted to Fritz Frenckel for an invention entitled "Improvements in gas and oil-fired air heating stoves" was cancelled on 13th June 1944.

The Patent Office. M. F. LINDLEY.
Comptroller-General.

Colombia

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The Exchange Control Office has published the following comparative figures relating to Columbia's international balance of payments over the years 1939 to 1943 :—

Particulars	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	Million U.S. dollars				
Incomings from exports ...	78	47	57	77	111
Gold production ...	18	24	28	33	19
New capital	20	15	15	21	32
Total	116	86	100	131	162
Outgoings for residents abroad...	5	4	4	5	5
Imports	85	73	82	68	75
Sundry	12	10	8	10	13
Government requirement	5	6	6	4	11
Totals	107	93	100	87	104
Net balance of International payment ...	+ 9	− 7	—	+ 44	+58

Publications Received

The Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, Vol. CXLVII, No. 11, 1943. Published at the offices of the Institute, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

The present volume contains one report and thirteen papers presented at the Autumn Meeting of the Institute held in London on 14th October 1943 ; of these, the report and six papers were presented under the auspices of the Joint Research Committee of the Institute and the British Iron and Steel Federation. The discussions and correspondence to which these give rise are also included, together with the authors' replies. In addition, the author's reply to the discussion on a paper included in the No. 1 volume of the *Journal* for 1943 will be found in the present book.

The foregoing papers, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting and biographical notes on deceased members are included in section 1 of this *Journal*.

Section 2 is devoted to a survey of the literature on the manufacture and properties of iron and steel, and kindred subjects; and consists of a collection of abstracts of articles from the Transactions and Proceedings of scientific societies and from the technical press. This section also contains reviews of recent books and bibliographies of literature dealing with the manufacture and properties of iron and steel. The matter included in this section has already appeared in the Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Institute, which is issued monthly.

In front of the title-page are inserted lists of Bibliographies, Special Reports and Translations issued by the Institute.

Claycraft, Vol. XVII, No. 9, June 1944. Published by London and Sheffield Publishing Co. Ltd., 8 Adam Street, London, W.C.2. Price, single copies 1s. 6d. post free ; annual subscription 12s. 6d. in Great Britain and 15s. overseas.

Monthly Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce in the Argentine Republic, Vol. XXIV, No. 6, 31st March 1944.

Empire Cotton Growing Corporation : Report of the Administrative Council of the Corporation, to be submitted to the Twenty-third Annual General Meeting on 6th June 1944.

Empire Cotton Growing Corporation : Review of the Work of the Past Year, by the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Derby, K.G.

Bulletin of the Imperial Institute, Vol. XLII, No. 1, January-March 1944. Published by the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, S.W.1. Price 2s. 6d. net, by post 2s. 9d.; annual subscription, including postage 10s.

A record of progress relating to agricultural, mineral and other industries with special reference to the utilisation of the raw materials of the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

The British Guiana Commercial Review, Vol. XXVII, No. 2, February, 1944. Published monthly by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Georgetown, South America.

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